



Colville Tribal Emergency Operations Center

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FAQs: In regard to COVID-19, what is important to keep in mind as the our area responds to wildfires?

Fire and other regional and local emergencies are challenging to respond to and cause a tremendous amount of stress and uncertainty at any time, but this is further complicated by the current COVID-19 pandemic. We should remember that the community is doing very well at responding to COVID-19 and this is very positive as we begin to deal with other challenges. The danger remains however, so we must stay vigilant and practice both social distancing, the use of masks, and proper hygiene (especially hand hygiene) as we have all been doing.

FAQs: What COVID-19 measures do large firefighting crews take when responding to wildfires?

Firefighting is a tremendously complex endeavor, and firefighters must work closely together, often staying in close quarters and camps, but firefighters on the reservation and throughout the West right now are practice social distancing and the proper use of masks, etc. all while working on and staying near the fire lines. This, coupled with the fact that firefighters are some of our healthiest and most physically capable members of society, helps to ensure their safety, but they can contract COVID-19 and spread it, so continuing to ensure the best use of social distancing, mask wearing, and cleaning precautions are very important.

FAQs: For COVID-19 patients displaced by wild fires, what precautions should be taken?

We are recommending that COVID-19 patients who are currently positive or who awaiting test results (under isolation or quarantine) who must share a residence with family or friends avoid staying in homes with persons who are over the age of 65 or who have health conditions (such as heart disease, uncontrolled diabetes, respiratory disease, cancer, etc.), and when they are invited into a home they must practice social distancing and infection prevention procedures recommended by our public health staff. These procedures have worked to protect family members who are currently staying in their home with others who have not been infected. The EOC can help and has been helping with deliveries of essential food and supplies, and they, as well as the firefighters and families and friends who provide safe shelter to evacuees are all heroes. COVID-19 patients who can do so safely can opt to stay in a single hotel or motel room as a method of self-quarantine. Regardless of where COVID-19 positive or quarantined individuals stay, it is critical that they stay in contact with our contact tracers in order to ensure their safety, the safety of the community, and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

—Dr. Dan Barbara, Director
Colville Tribal HHS Division

Colville Reservation COVID-19 Quick Facts

Current cases/in isolation on the Colville Reservation

8

Omak	5
Nespelem	1
Keller	0
Inchelium	2

Current quarantine list

9

*Numbers current as of September 4
at 3:30 p.m.*

Clinics

Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center
- Inchelium
(509) 722-7006

Lake Roosevelt Community Health Center
- San Poil Valley Community Health
(509) 634-7300

Colville Service Unit - Nespelem Clinic
Phone: (509) 634-2913

Colville Service Unit - Omak Clinic
Phone: (509) 422-7416

For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

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1-800-525-0127***

***WA Listens
1-833-681-0211***

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